

Text of Colonel Britton's broadcast to the people
of the occupied countries, May 8, 1942

This is Colonel Britton.

I shall be quite short tonight.

The most critical period of the war is now nearly upon us. Within a month, possibly even sooner, we shall know when and where the Nazis will mount their counter offensive.

At this moment I wish to say no more about the plans for the V army's offensive.

You have done magnificently. The spirit of resistance is rising steadily in all the countries of Europe, among the workers, the peasants and farmers, among the business people and among the civil servants. That resistance is causing the greatest strain to the Germans, to the occupying troops, the Gestapo and to the civil administrators who try to keep everything running smoothly. It's causing them the greatest embarrassment, making them nervous and using men, as you know.

You know now how your resistance can be made most effective. To indicate in greater detail the particular direction in which your resistance should be co-ordinated with our operations would be giving the Nazis information which they badly want while there is still time for them to smash that resistance with ruthless repression.

For this reason we ask you now to continue your resistance in general to the best of your ability. Don't throw away your lives or your freedom needlessly, but oppose the Nazis in every way you can.

I've been speaking to you every week for nearly a year. I shall not speak again now until the moment comes to indicate a particular line of action which is needed. I can't tell you when that will be.

Until that moment comes I shall be working with my colleagues and advisors on the plans.

So I say now, be of good heart. We shall win this struggle and it will not be long. Continue to fight as you are doing and the future belongs to you.

Until I speak to you again I wish you good luck.

One more thing. A personal message. I have received a communication from Asmodee. A-S-M-O-D-E-E. Are you listening Asmodee? Your message contained information of value. Thank you and good luck.

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